

Iowa's Money Follows the Person

The Partnership for Community Integration:

*New Choices for Iowans with
Disabilities and Their Families*



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What is Money Follows the Person?

- Iowa's Money Follows the Person grant is called the Partnership for Community Integration:
 - \$51 million in federal funds, with a \$9 million state match.
 - Funds are available through March 2016 with a possible extension
- Expanded support for people in Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/MR) for individuals with MR (intellectual disabilities) who want to move into their own place in the community



Who is eligible for MFP?

- Must be Medicaid-eligible.
- Must have been living in an ICF/MR for six continuous months.
- Must have an MR diagnosis. Individuals with a brain injury diagnosis may also qualify.



What are these “expanded supports”?

- A “transition specialist” working with an ICF/MR resident from the first contact all the way through the first year in the new independent setting.
- One time only enhanced services such as
 - Security and utility deposits
 - Household furniture/supplies
 - Clothing



Is that all?

No! Expanded support to make sure there's a smooth transition:

- ✓ Careful planning by a team chosen by the MFP participant.
- ✓ Training for the community direct service workers.
- ✓ Trial overnight visits in the new living situation.



... more services and supports:

- Mental health supports, including outreach, crisis intervention and behavioral supports:
- *Expanded* support for assistive technology if needed (such as computers, med dispensers, etc.).
- *Expanded* support for Durable Medical Equipment.
- *Expanded* support for home modifications for accessible and safe housing



MFP progress to date

- 153 individuals have moved out with MFP support
- Most are receiving 24 hour supports in their home in the community



Barriers

- There are still many individuals who want to move to the community but cannot find accessible housing
- Many MFP individuals need “shared housing” in order to access staff and supports that allow them to live independently & in order to afford to live in the community
 - Local housing policies may not allow this accommodation
- Some MFP individuals do have a history of behaviors and criminal charges.



Opportunities

- Funds are available to make accommodations and modifications to homes & apartments
 - i.e. Plexiglas to windows, alarms for doors, bathroom remodeling, fences for safety, lowering of counter tops, automatic door openers. Twenty-one modifications have been made to date
- MFP individuals are receiving 24 hour support by trained staff
- Some MFP individuals are able to access an HCBS rent subsidy
- Partnering with MFP may help diversify Apartment Complexes.
- The Local HUD office has been supportive of MFP



For more information

Call Brooke Lovelace,
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[www.ime.state.ia.us/LTC/
MFP/index.html](http://www.ime.state.ia.us/LTC/MFP/index.html)



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